



Heart failure: annual review

NICE indicator

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Indicator

The percentage of patients with heart failure on the register, who had a review in the preceding 12 months, including an assessment of functional capacity (using the New York Heart Association classification) and a review of medication.

Indicator type

General practice indicator suitable for use in the Quality and Outcomes Framework.

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Rationale

Regular review is associated with improvement in quality of life and a reduction in the need for urgent hospitalisation. [NICE's guidance on chronic heart failure](#) recommends short monitoring intervals if the clinical condition or medication has changed and longer intervals for stable people with heart failure.

Source guidance

[Chronic heart failure in adults: diagnosis and management. NICE guideline NG106 \(2018\)](#), recommendations 1.7.1 and 1.7.3

Specification

Numerator: The number of patients in the denominator who had a review in the preceding 12 months, including an assessment of functional capacity (using the New York Heart Association classification) and a review of medication.

Denominator: The number of patients on the heart failure register.

Calculation: Numerator divided by the denominator, multiplied by 100.

Exclusions: None

Minimum population: The indicator would be appropriate to assess performance at individual general practice level.

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